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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 460
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A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Cal Luther on his selection as the Murray State University basketball Coach of the Century.

WHEREAS, after a meticulous examination of the records and accomplishments of several great coaches Cal Luther was appropriately chosen as the Murray State University basketball Coach of the Century; and

WHEREAS, Coach Luther was the head Racer basketball coach for 16 productive years, from 1958-1974; and

WHEREAS, starting with a team that had had three losing records in the previous four seasons, he built a strong program that included an exceptional 241 victories, two Ohio Valley Conference titles, and two NCAA Tournament appearances; and

WHEREAS, under his expert guidance, the Racers compiled 14 consecutive winning seasons; and

WHEREAS, Coach Luther also served with distinction as the Murray State Athletic Director and was instrumental in luring a former player, Ron Greene, away from Mississippi

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State University to take over a then struggling program, in 1978. Coach Greene brought the Racers back to the OVC and national prominence; and

WHEREAS, since coaching at Murray State, he has continued his winning ways as the head coach at Longwood College, where he again built a competitive program and one National Basketball Association player, Jerome Kersey; Tennessee Martin, where he was named the 1996 OVC Coach of the Year and currently at Bethel College, where he is also interim Athletic Director; and

WHEREAS, recently he achieved one of coaching's rarest honors when he coached his 500th career victory; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to express our deep admiration and congratulations to Coach Cal Luther; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor Coach Cal Luther for his very successful career and being selected Murray State University basketball Coach of the Century and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.